

## Leland Brendsel Diane Brendsel

November 4, 1998

## BY HAND

F. Andrew Turley, Esq. Supervisory Attorney Central Enforcement Docket Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Matter Under Review 4821 ("MUR 4821").

Dear Mr. Turley:

We received on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1998 your letter dated October 21, 1998 pertaining to MUR 4821. The complainant in MUR 4821 alleges that, in connection with the 1997-98 election cycle, each of us contributed more than \$1,000 to Lazio For Congress, the authorized campaign committee of Representative Rick Lazio, in violation of the individual contribution limit set out in 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(b)(1). Our contributions were in full compliance with this regulation, and we request that each of us be dismissed from MUR 4821 with no further action.

An individual may contribute up to \$1,000 to a candidate with respect to any election to federal office. 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(b)(1). Each spouse in a married couple has the right to contribute the full \$1,000 regardless of whether both spouses have income. 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(i). This \$1,000 limit is applied separately with respect to a primary election and to the subsequent general election. 11 C.F.R. §§ 110.1(j)(1), 100.2(b),(c). As a result, a married couple contributing the maximum amount to each of the two elections will contribute a total of \$4,000 to a campaign committee during an election cycle.

For your reference, we are enclosing excerpts from the Lazio For Congress Report of Receipts and Disbursements that report our four (4) contributions during the 1997-98 election cycle cited by the complainant. The excerpts are taken from the Commission's internet web site. The report clearly states that, with respect to the election cycle at issue, we each contributed an aggregate of \$1,000 to Lazio For Congress with respect to the primary election, and an aggregate of \$1,000 with respect to the general election. These contributions did not exceed the contribution limit set out in Section 110.1(b)(1). Further, given the clear public record

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demonstrating our compliance, we are surprised and disappointed that we have been required to prepare this response.

We request that we be promptly dismissed from MUR 4821 with no further action.

Sincerely,

Leland Brendsel

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